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ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2018

Election Commission begins Training for Electoral Officers

600 personnel, 6 batches in 6 weeks

Pic. 1: ***State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sanjeev Kumar Varma lighting the lamp to inaugurate the training programme at ATI premises in city this morning as Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep and ATI Joint Director V. Bhagyalakshmi look on.*** *Pic. 2:* ***A section of Electoral Officers.*** *Pic.3:* ***A staffer checking the VVPATs.***

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (RK&DM)- In view of the forthcoming Assembly elections in Karnataka, a six-week training programme for Electoral Officers (Returning Officers and Assistant Returning Officers) began at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal road in city this morning. The training programme is organised by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in association with the State Election Commission (SEC), ATI and India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management.

Speaking after inaugurating the programme, State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sanjeev Kumar Varma said that a total of 600 ROs and AROs from across the State will undergo training in 6 sessions with 100 of them in each batch on different dates.

The Electoral Officers will be trained on using Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and the Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines that will be used in the forthcoming Assembly polls as well as the local body polls and the 2019 Lok Sabha elections that follow.

(See TRAINING on page 8)

JD(S) Intellectual Conclave

15 former VCs, over 50 retd. Professors participate

JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy flanked by former University of Mysore Vice-Chancellors Prof. S.N. Hegde *(left)* ***and Prof. K.S. Rangappa*** *(right)* ***during an Intellectual Conclave held at Kalamandira in city this morning.***

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RKB&NNN) - The Intellectual Conclave hosted by Janata Dal (Secular) began on a sedate note here this morning at Kalamandira as the Party President H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), who came an hour late, asked the intellectuals gathered to share their thoughts on various aspects of education.

Former Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the University of Mysore and JD(S) leader Prof. K.S. Rangappa, welcoming the gathering of former VCs, Professors, writers and educationists, said that HDK, as part of *Kumara Parva* is visiting all the constituencies in the State and interacting with people on various issues.

(See CONCLAVE on page 8)

CCB Police solve house burglary case in four days

Father-son arrested, Rs. 23 lakh cash, gold worth Rs. 6 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RK&KS)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have solved a case of house burglary which took place on Dec.31 on Pattegar Street in Mandi Mohalla by arresting father-son duo and recovering Rs.23 lakh cash and 208 grams gold jewellery worth about Rs.6 lakh from them in four days.

The arrested have been identified as 42-year-old Riyaz Shariff and his son 22-year-old Fayaz Shariff, residents of Hanumathanagar here.

The Cops have also seized a goods auto (KA-09 A-1431)

used for the crime by the duo.

Though the case was registered by Mandi Police, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. Subrahmanyeswara Rao had transferred the case to CCB for investigation.

(See BURGLARY on page 8)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Monday 8th January 2018

Certificate-chasing cities

Mysuru has not only shed its all-too-familiar name Mysore but also acquired identity as the much-avowed heritage city as well as the cultural capital of Karnataka. Nearly 40 products in the range of food, textiles, spices, horticultural produce of the State have been conferred Geographical Indication tag, with Mysuru too having a place in the distinguished list. The most recent tag, namely India's cleanest city, enjoyed by Mysuru for two consecutive years (2014-15 and 2015-16) before getting relegated to fifth rank among about 4,000 cities included in the country wide survey, has triggered action by the civic authorities to have the city's name at the top of the victory stand. The description of Mysuru as the city of Palaces, with the imposing Amba Vilas Palace as the star among the structures constructed during the rule of the Wadiyars, luring more tourists than even Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world, may ultimately remain intact unlike the other aforementioned *tags* of the city's identity.

The ancient expression *cleanliness is next to godliness*, with the message that being clean is the means to keep ourselves *physically* and *mentally* clean, is not heard or cited very often in our times. God-centric activities have witnessed features of trade and commerce and cleanliness has been threatened mostly due to pressure on space and resources such as water exerted by rising density of urban populations.

The unprecedented initiative taken by the Union Ministry of Urban Development to conduct yearly surveys to assess the level of cleanliness in the country's cities and identify the cleanest city by ranking them seems to be the legitimate baby of the *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* launched by the Country's Prime Minister on October 2, 2014. His words that a clean India would be the best tribute India could pay to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary in 2019 don't seem to have made the impact on the minds of the land's people to desirable extent, given the steadily rising mass of garbage in urban spaces that civic bodies, including Mysuru's City Corporation, strewn all over. In short, cleanliness in Urban environs is more talked about than achieved.

The scene of door-to-door daily collection of domestic waste in Mysuru, apart from overflowing waste bins at many locations across the city, threatening the health of young men and women on the job is taken for granted. Not empathising with the city's civic staff on garbage clearance work doesn't see Mysureans in good light. Chasing the cleanest city tag has tended to be a mockery of cleanliness itself.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A pet peeve of private hospitals is that no one recognises the fact that they are also doing business and need to generate enough returns in order to survive and attract more investments. That's a fair point. But if the investment intentions are anything to go by, private hospitals are certainly not making their investors unhappy. According to a report by CRISIL, significant bed additions are being undertaken to capitalise on demand prospects. Private hospitals also cite the example of Max Hospital. Delhi government's decision to cancel the licence of the hospital for declaring a premature newborn dead even though he was still alive was an extreme step indeed. There is no doubt that the doctor and the staff concerned at the hospital should have shown greater professionalism and empathy and need to be punished, but cases of such negligence should be tackled at the individual level and the remedial measures should not foreclose the very possibility of healthcare for other patients.

—Shyamal Majumdar in Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

The 'Raw water' craze

California: Despite being a hub for technological advancement, California's bay area is also notorious for absurd anti-science health trends such as the movement opposing vaccinations which, in 2014,.an "anti-vaxxers" is a new and equally ridiculous trend – "raw water." That's actually unfiltered, untreated, raw spring water, which, even when from the seemingly cleanest of sources, can spread diseases like cholera, E. coli, Hepatitis A or Giardia. Live Water, is priced at $36.99 per 2.5-gallon containers and $14.99 per refill at the co-op Rainbow Grocery in San Francisco. The water is often out of stock and typically sees a price hike with every restock."It has a vaguely mild sweetness, a nice smoot, nothing that overwhelms the flavour profile," Kevin Freeman, a manager at Rainbow Grocery, said. Live Water was founded by Mukhande Singh (formerly Christopher Sandborn), three years ago in Culver, Oregon., but has moved to Los Angeles. Although pure water is obtainable via a reverse osmosis filter, Singh claims that pristine water is not the goal.

Ordered to stop 'slumber party'

Chicago: An Illinois man who has been offering shelter to homeless people in his Chicago neighbourhood has been ordered by city officials to cease and desist or risk having his home condemned.

Greg Schiller, of Elgin, Illinois, began opening his home to a group of homeless people last month when the temperatures dropped dangerously low. He filled his unfinished basement with cots and blankets and started organising "slumber parties" for homeless people with no place to go. He would offer them food and warm beverages and even put on movies for them to watch until the morning. Unfortunately, his kind-hearted effort didn't sit well with local authorities who are now threatening to condemn his home if he doesn't stop his parties. Schiller had initially set up a shelter in 2016 in his garage, but EMTs who were called to attend to a man with a heart condition alerted city officials who cited him for breaking city code. "They shut me down and said I have 24 hours to return my basement to storage and take down or they'll condemn the house," Schiller told local News.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

Is there a natural way to help prevent Alzheimer's disease?

Vitamin B12 (Cobalamin) is an effective way to lower the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. As we age, the frontal lobe of the brain begins to shrink, leading to cognitive decline and possibly dementia. A recent study revealed that Cobalamin drastically slows down brain shrinkage and cognitive decline.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Selected for National Award

Dr.Shivakumara

Mysuru, Jan.8- The Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE) has selected Dr. B.S. Shivakumara, Chairman, ISTE Chapter, PES College of Engineering, Mandya, for "ISTE Stripes of Redeemer National Award for the Best ISTE Chapter Chairman for 2017."

The Award will be presented to Dr. Shivakumara during ISTE National Annual Convention to be held from Jan.27 to 29 at Kottayam, Kerala. Totally, 1,214 ISTE Chapters are functioning in India.

Also the ISTE Chapter of the College has been selected for "ISTE Best Faculty Chapter of Karnataka section for the year 2017." This award also will be presented at ISTE Convention in Kerala. Totally, 118 ISTE Chapters are in Karnataka section.

Renowned Vaggeyakarti feted

Renowned Vaggeyakarti (music composer) of Mysuru, Dr. Geetha Seetharam was felicitated at Redbridge International Academy, Bengaluru, recently by Jayashree Ravi, Director, Layaabhinaya Cultural Foundation, during the decennial celebrations of her Dance School. Dr. Geetha was bestowed with the title 'Naatya Saahithya Shaarade,' for her contributions to dance literature, through her classical compositions.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Open Street Festival and Traffic Woes

Sir,

To encourage tourism, the District Administration has taken up Open Street Festivals during Dasara and Winter Festivals. Open Street fests are very common in foreign countries, where people move in a disciplined way.

However, as we know that there is no responsibility and road sense among our citizens, such festivals are not advisable to be conducted at busy city centres, especially from dawn-to-dusk programmes like the one arranged recently. Such celebrations may be arranged away from busy areas like D.D. Urs Road.

As Urs Road was blocked for traffic the whole day, traffic density increased at K.R. Circle and smooth traffic movement was hampered due to the mad behaviour of people, who opened the barricades at several places to cross the Sayyaji Rao Road.

People became lazy to walk up to pedestrian crossing and failed to use the subway. As a result they crossed the road where they are by opening the barricades, which slowed down the traffic and even ambulances got stuck in the heavy traffic on this road.

People and vehicles were seen competing to cross the pedestrian paths on all sides of the K.R. Circle. Deployment of law and order Police to regulate the movement of pedestrians at the Circle should have helped the Traffic Police in discharging their duty in a better way.

Several KSRTC city services were seen moving towards Sayyaji Rao Road, which is not seen on other days. Many mindless drivers and riders moved when signal for left direction was on, but went straight hindering free movement of the vehicles coming from their right direction.

There should be some system in place to apprehend such people and punish. Several pedestrians were seen in a hurry to cross the road even when red signal was on for them and some did not listen to the Traffic Cops or Traffic Wardens.

As there was no major complaint on closure of D.D. Urs Road for traffic the whole day, at least now, the officials concerned may think of banning traffic movement (with prior publicity) on Urs Road and Sayyaji Rao Road (from K.R. Circle to Ayurveda College Circle) from 6 am to 9 pm during Dasara (either on all days or at least on weekends) period, so that public can walk on these roads freely without the fear of any vehicle hitting them, enjoy the illumination and do shopping. On such occasions, vehicles can be diverted to other roads.

—A concerned citizen

Mysuru
31.12.2017

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Sir,

We appreciate the efforts of the District Administration, Tourism Department and other sponsors in holding the carnival on D. Devaraja Urs Road as part of Mysuru Winter Festival-2017 on Dec.30.

The Urs Road, which is an arterial road connecting various parts of Mysuru, is not a right place to conduct the festivities.

By evening, a huge crowd had gathered on the street and it was very difficult to either enter or exit Urs Road from all lanes available for that Road by walk.

Therefore, such festivities can be held at Bannimantap Grounds or Dasara Exhibition Grounds next time to facilitate better mob control to this already congested road.

—Udaya Ravi
on e-mail

Mysuru
31.12.2017

Permission must for flex boards: DC

Mysuru, Jan. 8 - Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has said that permission is mandatory for installation of flex boards at public places in Urban as well as Rural areas.

Presiding over a meeting of various Committees of the Social Welfare Department at his Office here recently, Randeep said that installation of flex boards without permission may lead to Law and Order problems and also at times, lead to communal tensions. Pointing out that those wishing to install flex boards in cities and towns should get permission from respective City Corporations, TMCs or CMCs and in Rural areas from the respective Gram Panchayats, the DC warned of legal action against those installing boards sans permission.

SP Ravi D. Channannavar said that installation of flex boards during Jayantis, birthdays, festivals etc., has led to tension, especially in rural areas.

The SP asked the owners of Hotels and Hair Cutting Saloons in rural areas to install CC TV Cameras as a security measure.

The Committee members apprised the DC of the problems faced by the people and the atrocities going on in the district.

They also complained of lack of basic amenities in residential complexes built for pourakarmikas under JNNURM scheme and indiscrete dumping of wastes and garbage in front of houses.

Social Welfare Department Deputy Director Prabha, Ambedkar Development Corporation Director Bharathi and others were present.

Let evidence drive policy, not assumptions: Development expert

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (NNN) - Let data-driven randomised evaluation speak for what works or does not and not intuition or assumptions, said Iqbal Dhaliwal, Deputy Executive Director, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT.

He was speaking at the sixth Distinguished Lecture *'From Research to Action: Using Evidence to Inform Policy'* at MYRA School of Business here recently.

He laid out interesting cases based on J-PAL's work in Karnataka to drive the message that hard evidence speaks volumes about the impact of various government programmes — whether the MGNREGA or Microfinance Schemes. According to Dhaliwal, with no correlation found between Aid and Development, the need was felt to find out what worked and why it has worked, which led to evidence-based policy-making.

He also shared an overview of 800 projects through 170 associated faculty members across more than 50 Universities in 78 countries. In India, J-PAL has

Iqbal Dhaliwal

completed 200 projects in association with various academic institutions and is considered an authority in evidence-based policy decisions.

Dhaliwal spoke in detail about one study — an extensive, five-district randomised evaluation on improving health outcomes and service provider attendance in rural India specific to Karnataka — a field research study done in collaboration with Rema Hanna of Harvard Kennedy School. This study evidenced "How absenteeism can have huge consequences for the poor and for governments." The central learning from this field research is mere monitoring without either incentives or disincentives do not yield desired outcomes.

Prof. Shalini Urs, Chairperson of MYRA, welcomed. Dr. Sudhendar Hanumantha Rao, Professor of Information Systems, proposed a vote of thanks.

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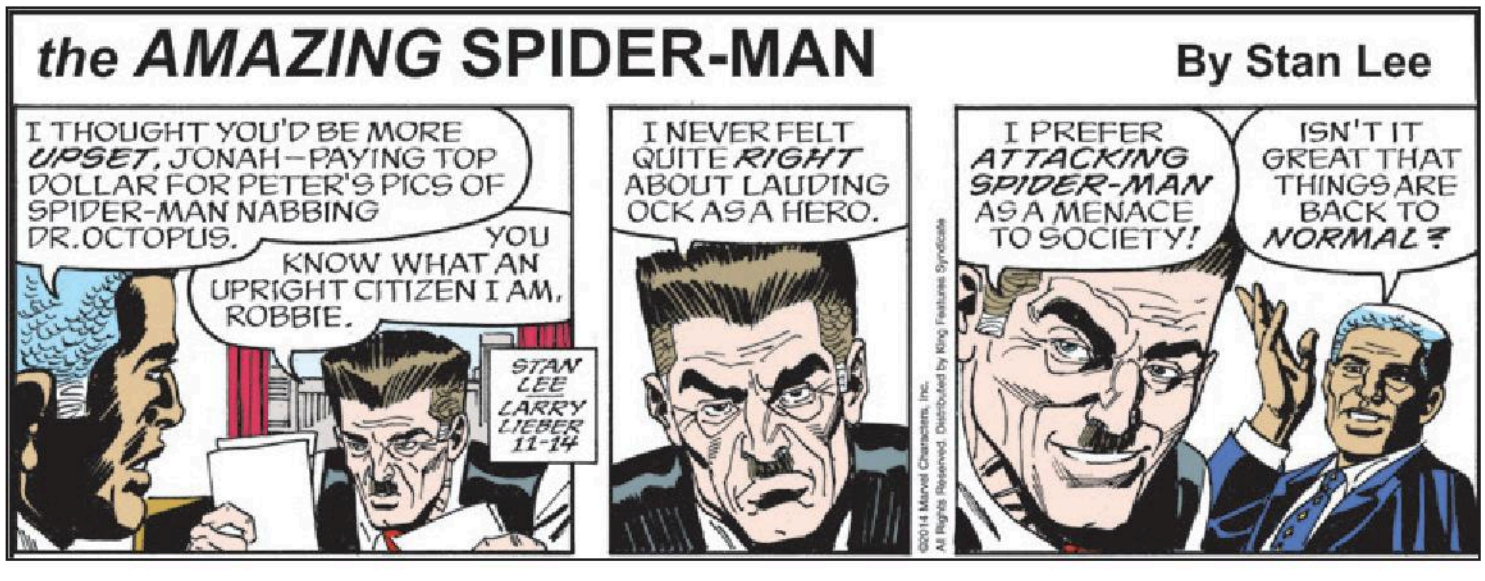
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NEWS BRIEFS

Early Childhood Education Meet

International Montessori and Kindergarten Training Academy, Manandavadi Road and Alpha National School are organising the Fourth Early Childhood Education Conference - 2018, in association with VHD Central Institute of Home Science, Bengaluru, at Adline International Hotel on Ramavilas Road in city on Jan.21 (Sunday) at 9 am. Teachers, Parents, Educational Administrators, Doctors and Counsellors can attend the meet. For registration, contact Vinuta Manjesh on 99863-74040.

Obituary

V.K. Sai Kumar

Mysuru, Jan.8- V.K. Sai Kumar (45), who was working as Subedar in Pune and had come to city on a two-day leave, passed away following cardiac arrest.

A resident of Bamboo Bazar - Medar Block, he leaves behind his wife Vasantha Kumari, son Roopesh and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be performed at Jodi Thenginamara Burial Grounds today at 5 pm.

Family can be contacted on Mob: 91413-22882.

Somashekar

Somashekar (54), Asst. Manager - Public Relations at BEML, Mysuru and Secretary of Mysuru District Basketball Association, passed away this morning.

Owner of Manjula Lights and Sounds and a resident of R.R. Nagar in city, he leaves behind his wife, a son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill later this evening.

H.V. Balaji

H.V. Balaji (75), retired Professor of Commerce, Maharani's College, passed away at his Saraswathipuram residence on Jan.5, following a brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Padma, son-Bhartanatyam artiste Badari Divya Bhushan, daughter-in-law Dr. Anjana Bhushan, daughter Ramya, son-in-law Shashidhar, grandchildren, Abhyuday, Abhignan Lakshmi & a host of relatives and friends. Funeral was held at the foot of Chamundi Hill same day.

'Central Govt. is anti-people, anti-labour'

AITUC National Vice-President T. Narasimhan's call to oust Government

Leaders seen at 35th All India RMS and MMS Employees Union MG&MTS Conference at Sri Rama Seva Ursu Mandali Kalyana Mantap yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan.8 (PM&NNN)- The Centre's NDA Government is implementing anti-people and anti-labour policies and this Government should be ousted out of power, said All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) National Vice-President T. Narasimhan. He was speaking after inaugurating the 35th All India RMS and MMS Employees Union MG & MTS Conference at K.R. Vanam's Sri Rama Seva Urasu Mandali Kalyana Mantap here yesterday.

"The country is facing innumerable problems including poverty and unemployment. The Governments in power should try to mitigate such problems and make the life of common man easy. However, this Government is trying to implement several anti-people policies like linking of Aadhaar cards with several schemes thus jeopardising the life of people, de-monetisation and GST, and trying to snatch the freedom and rights of the people," said Narasimhan.

British India was better: The Central Government is ignoring the public service schemes. Here it is trying to sideline the hard working people. 93 percent of the people in the country are in the unorganised sector. They have been deprived of minimum wages, ESI, PF and other facilities, he said.

During the pre-independent British rule of India, there were laws governing the working class. The labour class had their rights. However, in independent India, the condition of the working class is very grave, regretted Narasimhan.

All are contract jobs now: All the jobs in the country are slowly becoming contract jobs. As a result, there are no permanent jobs available and hence there is no job security. This uncertainty is bothering the working class a lot, he said.

Every year, nearly 1.25 crore graduates are in search of jobs. These youth are not getting the jobs according to their qualifications. The Government instead of facilitating the youth to get jobs, is pursuing anti-people policies and hence must be thrown out of power, he said.

The BJP and the right wing groups are keen on protecting their interests, while stamping out the Left wing ideas and rights, he complained.

Centre fails to protect employees' interest: The Central Government has completely failed to protect the interests of the Govt. employees like pension, promotion and job security, alleged former Minister C.H. Vijayashankar . Due to the anti-labour policies of the Government, including the postal employees and the private sector employees' conditions are pathetic. "I am always ready to work in the interest of labour," he said.

National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE) former General Secretary C.C. Pillai, Karnataka Circle Chief Post General Dr. Charles Lobo, NFPE President Giriraj Singh, Postal Accountants Union General Secretary S.B. Yadav and others were present.

Mother, son assaulted by gang over old rivalry

The injured mother-son duo being treated at a hospital.

Hunsur, Jan.8 (KK&KS)- A gang of six persons, who barged into a house at Kolagatta village in the taluk last evening, have assaulted a woman and her son with knives over old rivalry. The injured duo has been admitted to a hospital.

While the injured mother and her son have been identified as Kumari and Chandrashekar, who are undergoing treatment at a hospital, those who assaulted them have been identified as Seena alias Srinivas, Naga, Suhas and Rachappaji of R.S. Naidu Nagar in Mysuru and Yogesh and Mahadeva of Kolagatta village.

The gang of six assaulters, who came in a Maruti Swift car (KA-55 M-6505) and two bikes last evening, went near the house of Kolagatta Krishna and began to shout asking for Chandrashekar and caught hold of both the hands of Kumari from behind, tore her clothes and assaulted her.

Chandrashekar, who came to the house, questioned the gang as to why they were assaulting his mother, the assaulters, who reportedly said that they were looking for him, caught hold of him and assaulted him besides injuring him with a knife on his neck, shoulder and arm.

Meanwhile, Kolagatta Krishna's brother Yogesh, a teacher, who came to know about the incident, informed the Police, who rushed to the spot.

On seeing the Cops, the assaulters hid inside a house and the Police managed to catch hold of Naga and Seena, while the rest escaped in the car and bikes.

Chandrashekar, speaking to media persons, said that Rachappaji had brought some persons from Mysuru and had assaulted him. He said that Rachappaji's wife Shobha had come to the hospital and had threatened to kill them in the hospital and expressed fear about their safety at the hospital.

Bilikere Police, who have registered a case in this regard, have launched a hunt to nab the absconding persons.

Lorry rams into bike: One killed, another injured

Sathyaprasad

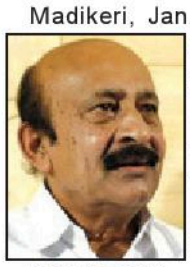
Nanjangud, Jan.8 (KS)- In a tragic incident, a bike rider was killed on the spot and the pillion rider suffered serious injuries when a speeding lorry hit the bike near Palya Gate on Nanjangud-Gundlupet Highway yesterday midnight. While the deceased has been identified as Sathyaprasad of Doddahundi in Begur hobli of Gundlupet, the seriously injured pillion rider has been identified as Nanjundaswamy, also of the same village and employees of TVS factory.

Sathyaprasad and Nanjundaswamy, after completing their shift at the factory, were returning home on a Hero Honda Splendor bike (KA-10 X-1460) when a speeding lorry (KL-47 4271) rammed into the bike from behind killing Sathyaprasad on the spot and seriously injuring Nanjundaswamy. Nanjundaswamy has been admitted to a hospital in Mysuru.

Nanjangud Traffic Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and have seized both the vehicles.

Former Minister M.C. Nanaiah heading towards Congress?

Madikeri, Jan.8 (PS&ACP)- Former Minister Marianda C. Nanaiah, who is currently in the JD(S), seems to be heading towards the Congress, with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah evolving a plan to bring the senior JD(S) leader to Congress fold, in order to break BJP's strong presence in Kodagu district.



M.C. Nanaiah

CM Siddharamaiah, who is scheduled to visit Kodagu tomorrow (Jan.9) for 'Sadhana Samavesh,' is likely to meet M.C. Nanaiah and officially invite him to the Congress.

Siddharamaiah, who was Finance Minister in the erstwhile Janata Dal Government in the 1990s, had maintained good relationship with M.C. Nanaiah who was Law Minister then.

The CM, now using this relationship, will meet Nanaiah and invite him to the Congress, to take on the BJP in the coming Assembly polls.

Even as Siddharamaiah has begun to woo him, Nanaiah who is currently in the JD(S), seems to be upset with the party leaders for ignoring him.

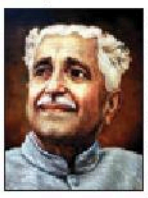
Meanwhile, M.C. Nanaiah has said that everything is not right in the JD(S) and that the party was ignoring loyal workers who had toiled hard for the party over the years. The recent appointment of party office-bearers lends credence to the fact that the party leaders had ignored loyal workers.

Stating that his followers had convened a meeting on Monday to discuss the fissures in JD(S) after the appointment of new party office-bearers, Nanaiah claimed that reports on him joining the Congress were not correct. However, Siddharamaiah is likely to meet him when he visits Kodagu on Jan.9 and they had worked together while in Janata Parivar.

He further said that he had no plans as of now to quit JD(S).

Kuvempu Vishwamanava Sandesha Jatha to arrive in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RKB&US)- Kuvempu Vishvamanava Sandesha Jatha, initiated by Manava Bandhutva Vedike which was launched from Kuppalli in Shivamogga district on Dec.29, 2017 marking the birth anniversary of Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, will conclude in city tomorrow.



Disclosing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Vedike Karnataka Convenor Wilfred D'Souza said that the Jatha was flagged off at Kuppalli by writer Prof. Baragur Ramachandrappa and after covering Shivamogga, Chikkamagalur, Udupi, Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, Hassan, Mandya and Mysuru districts, will conclude in city tomorrow.

He further said that the Jatha visited 20 Colleges en route organising special lectures on works and ideologies of Kuvempu and over 25,000 copies of books on the legendary writer were distributed to students.

Continuing, D'Souza said that a valedictory function will be held tomorrow at B.M. Sri Hall in Manasagangothri at 2.30 pm to be inaugurated by littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK) and presided over by Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Dr. Priti Srimandharkumar. He added that scholar Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara and National School of Drama-Bengaluru Director C. Basavalingaiah would be the chief guests. Vedike District Convenor M. Lokesh was present at the press meet.

BJP's Parivartana Yatra to reach Mysuru on Jan.25

Preliminary meeting of K.R. Constituency BJP workers held

Mysuru, Jan.8- BJP's Parivarthana Yatra, led by former Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa, will reach Mysuru on Jan.25, during which a public rally has been organised at the Maharaja's College Grounds here.

A preliminary meeting of K.R. Constituency BJP workers was held here yesterday at the Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantap in Fort Mohalla to discussion on preparations ahead of rally.

Speaking on the occasion, Mysuru City BJP Election in-Charge M.V. Ravishankar said that the Yeddyurappa-headed Yatra, which began in Bengaluru, had already conducted successful rallies across 175 Assembly segments across the State and added that the rally in Mysuru would highlight the failures of the current Congress Government apart from creating awareness on the deterioration of law and order in the State.

Stating each worker had to work hard to ensure BJP regains power in the State, Ravishankar said that if the party had to grow in the neighbouring States it was important to reign supreme in Karnataka. BJP City President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, who spoke on the occasion, called upon the BJP workers to 'war mode' as directed by the BJP National President Amit Shah.

"K.R. Constituency is the only Assembly segment which had registered highest number of people as the party members and it is natural to have more expectation from this constituency," he added.

Dr. Manjunath also said that party State President B.S. Yeddyurappa would arrive in Mysuru on Jan.21 to take part in the rally to be held at Chamarajanagar during which he will hold meetings to discuss on the party's strategies for the upcoming Assembly polls.

He also asked party activists to work towards getting more than 20,000 people from K.R. Constituency for the Parivartana Rally.

Former Minister S.A. Ramdas, former Corporator Vidya Urs, BJP Corporators and others were present.

'Sadhana Samavesha' in three taluks of district on Jan.11

Mysuru, Jan.8 (SPN&US)- 'Sadhana Samavesha,' to portray the achievements of the Siddharamaiah-led State Government, will be held at three taluks of the district on Jan.11.

Disclosing this at a meeting of officers at his office here recently, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep asked officials to prepare a list of development programmes completed to facilitate the event which will be held on Jan.11 at 10 am in H.D. Kote followed by another in Nanjangud in the afternoon and in T. Narasipur in the evening.

He further said that a brief write-up of the development activities for the respective taluk was being made ready.

Hence he sough the needed information from officers of Departments concerned.

The DC asked officials to strictly abide by the protocol for the said Government function and instructed Police Authorities to provide adequate security arrangements. Additional DC T. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, Additional SP N. Rudramuni and others attended the meeting.

Brawling Youths flee on seeing Police vehicle

Mysuru, Jan.8 (US)- Two groups of brawling youths with lethal weapons behind Geetha Shishu Shikshana Samsthe in Siddharatanagar here last night reportedly fled on seeing the arrival of a Police vehicle leaving behind their bikes.

When the brawl allegedly reached a flash point, the public were said to have informed the Police.

Luckily, Nazarbad Police personnel, who were on patrol nearby, rushed to the spot, with the brawling youths taking to their heels abandoning their bikes.

According to Nazarbad Police, three two-wheelers have been seized and further action would be taken after identifying the owners of bikes.

Congressmen are burglars while BJP men are divisive: Communist leader

Mysuru, Jan.8 (SBD&DM)- Terming Congressmen as house burglars and BJP men as architects of division and hatred, CPI(M) leader Dr. Siddanagouda Patil has said that it had become inevitable for the people of the State to elect either of the two.

CPI(M) leader Dr. Siddanagouda Patil addressing the gathering in city.

Speaking after inaugurating a two-day Mysuru District CPI(M) meet at Town Hall premises here yesterday, Dr. Patil said that the Congress was thrown out of power because of the scams that surfaced during its rule and the BJP which came to power after unseating the Congress is promoting divisive forces, besides favouring industrialists and capitalists, while forgetting the common man.

Alleging that the BJP is raking up emotional issues to hide its divisiveness, he lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for failing to bring black-money stashed abroad, as promised by him in the run up to the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Accusing Modi of favouring only corporates by waiving off huge amount of loans, the CPI(M) leader said, the PM had failed to address farmer distress and resolve labour issues.

Attributing the poor state of Banks to waiving off loans to big corporates, he said that the BJP Government at the Centre was promoting religious and caste fissures in the society, in order to conceal its failures on economic front. Maintaining that agrarian distress and labour discontentment was on the rise in the country, Dr. Patil underlined the need for the working class to transform into a strong political force.

The event also marked the 7th death anniversary of communist leader K. Venkataramaiah.

INTERVIEW

"Like any other Indian, I thought AIDS will never come to India" - 2

Dr. Ishwar Gilada, President, AIDS Society of India

Dr. Ishwar Gilada

[Continued from yesterday]
By N. Niranjan Nikam

Star of Mysore (SOM): STD has gone down by 90 %?

Dr. Gilada: In Skin and STD Department for MD exams these days the students do not get good STD cases for study. They have to call other medical colleges to find out if there are any cases of STD reported for exams the next day. Earlier, we would collect a lot in one day at JJ Hospital.

SOM: How has it come down?

Dr. Gilada: It is because many are using condoms when they visit sex workers as protection against infection. Hence, today the numbers have reduced.

SOM: Have the numbers of prostitutes in red light area come down?

Dr. Gilada: Earlier there would be traffic jam, now we can pass through easily. Three-fourths of the red light area in Mumbai has been converted into commercial zone.

SOM: Oh really?

Dr. Gilada: Oh yes, it is converted into small-scale industries, shops; it is like demand and supply; if demand reduces, supply reduces.

SOM: Is it because of AIDS scare?

Dr. Gilada: Yes, it is AIDS scare. But there was no other scare at that time. You see STDs were omnipresent and it is called 'king of diseases' and 'disease of kings'; so those days most of the kings died of syphilis. Historically if you see, they died playing horse polo, elephant polo or syphilis.

SOM: So in the last 32 years it has come down...

Dr. Gilada: Today's youth have become very choosy. Earlier 50 per cent of the clients in the red light areas were college-going students, now there are very few college students. So that pattern has changed from sex worker to a call girl, now call girl to massage parlours. That change has happened every ten to fifteen years. Between 1990s - 2000 it was mainly call girl; now 2005 onwards it is massage parlours.

SOM: I believe massage parlours are also closing down.

Dr. Gilada: Youths need outlet and it may necessarily not be just penetration. Suppose they go for massage, they feel better with just the touch of a woman. They may not have sex at all and they are fine with that. We being STD specialists, all we would like to see is if there is reduction in STD rate, we are not bothered about the morality part of it at all.

SOM: But is it not an irony that the Central Government has come out with a new rule that says condom ads cannot be shown on television during the day, as it will affect children?

Dr. Gilada: One cannot and should not restrict timings for condom ads. It is like any other protection such as helmet, cricketer's pads, abdomen guards, umbrella and rain coats! It's like protect or perish! India has two major problems — population and HIV/ STDs. Both are result of unwanted and unprotected sex. Only one device that can prevent both is condom. Then why stop it!

Similar attempt during the regime of Sushma Swaraj as Union Health Minister had backfired in 2003. The government should learn lessons from previous experiences than repeating same mistakes.

India is world leader in the fight against AIDS and one of the largest condom manufacturers globally. Such retrograde moves push India in reverse gear.

SOM: You are the President of AIDS Society of India (ASI), a professional body of doctors in HIV care. What does your organisation do?

Dr. Gilada: It is like any professional association just like Surgeons Association, Anaesthetists Association or OBG Association; so it is an Association of Physicians of HIV, managing people. We are about 650 all over the country. We started in 2000 and Dr. Suniti Solomon was also the President for three years. I have been the Secretary General and now as President for the seventh year.

Dr. I.S. Gilada seen with sex workers and their children in Mumbai's red light area during Raksha Bandhan Day.

"We started this ASI Conference in 2005 and I took a daring step announcing that the conferences will have no smoking and no alcohol. Till today no ASI programmes have served alcohol. ASI is a registered Charitable Trust; that means you are collecting money from people for a cause and nowhere are you saying it is for alcohol. Even the Medical Council of India and Indian Medical Association have come out with a strict mandate that alcohol is not served in the conferences."

SOM: I heard that the international conference on AIDS is going to be held in India for the first time?

Dr. Gilada: We had a National Conference on Oct. 8, 2017, at Hyderabad. We bid for International Conference for 6,000 people, which has never taken place in India. We are three contenders — Brazil, Mexico and India. They have already had one field visit and two more may come, probably we may get but we cannot say until the results are out. It will be held at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida.

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SOM: In 1995 you started the Unison Medicare and Research Centre, India's first comprehensive medicare clinic managing 6,500 patients currently. How is this possible to manage so many patients?

Dr. Gilada: I have patients from a newborn to almost an 82-year-old. Not all 6,500 patients from all over the country come every day. They come once in three or six months or one year depending on when we have called them; they are all HIV patients. My idea was that a person with HIV should have everything under one roof. They should be treated in a way that they come in by 11 am and should be out by 5.30 pm with all the reports, medicine and counselling, consultation, x-ray, sonography, investigation and go back with medication. We buy medicines from companies and we get discount and it can be passed on to the patient. Since investigations are done at our place, we need not outsource anything; it is no commission clinic from the very first day.

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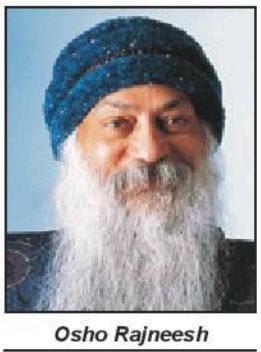
SOM: You have also spoken against Bhagwan Rajneesh, popularly known as Osho and his view on free sex.

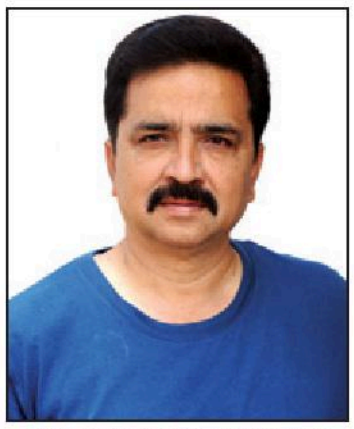


Osho Rajneesh

Dr. Gilada: I read a statement on Rajneesh, which was widely published in newspapers. It said that he had loss of weight, insomnia, nausea, no appetite, bad eyesight and a minor ear infection, which was not healing despite several course of antibiotics. I wrote to the Chief Secretary of Government of Maharashtra that the symptom he is describing fits into the category of HIV/AIDS. Especially, when he is publicly professing and practicing multi-partner sex. I wrote, *"A free-sex culture cannot be an AIDS-free culture."* That led to a raging controversy and his disciples came to kill me. I was given round-the-clock Police protection for over six months by the State government. The controversy rested only after he went through HIV test at National Institute of Virology in Pune. I do not want to go into the details of that test.

A Beautified Street that we can call a home

Mysuru bizman takes Swachh Bharat initiative to next level, transforms mundane road into an Art Hub



Pradeep Kumar, the brain behind the clean street.

Mysuru, Jan.8 (SV)- Charity begins at home so does cleanliness. A resident of Venkatalingaiah Layout in city has transformed his street and its surroundings after being inspired by *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. His journey of beautifying his street will surely motivate Mysureans to take cleanliness to the next level.

Pradeep Kumar, a businessman, has taken the initiative of cleaning and beautifying the street where his house is located all by himself. The street houses 8 homes and runs to a length of about 400 feet. Pradeep has cleaned the street and given it a unique look as he has got the walls of the street painted with various themes of forest, heritage, birds, wildlife, tribal life etc. He has beautified his street in Venkatalingaiah Layout near the Mysore Dairy on the Mysuru-Bannur Road.

He has got the paintings done by artist Krishna Shetty, a product of CAVA. In the entire stretch of the street, he is nurturing and growing about 700 plants of various species. He has installed platforms made out of bamboo which run parallel to the walls on which several pots with flowering plants are placed.

Most of the plants are organic. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, he said, "I always wanted to keep my street and my surroundings neat. I started off by cleaning the street and making it plastic and garbage-free. Later, paintings were done and I bought plants of various species. To attract birds, I have kept hanging nests and it looks attractive too. Flowering plants to attract butterflies have also been kept."

Pradeep, who is the proprietor of Jain Hardware and Plywood shop on Ashoka Road, spends the early hours of his day with nature. His day begins at 5.30 am as he goes for a walk to the Chamundi Hill and returns to his green wildlife-themed street at about 8.30 am. He then starts watering plants and maintains the road surroundings till 10 am.

The street stands out, especially in the mornings as birds chirp and the early rays of sun bring life. Pradeep adds that the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has recognised his efforts and helps him clean the street once in fifteen days.

He added that plants will bring in fresh air and he plans to bring Ayurvedic plants soon. He has developed a small garden on a site next to his home and has laid a bamboo bench at the edge of that building where walkers and people tend to relax and feel the breeze and the ambience. On being asked what made him take such an initiative, he said, "My friend Suresh Babu was in the MCC and at that time, the city had won the Cleanest City Tag twice. It gives us so much joy when Mysuru gets such an honour. Now that we have slipped in the rankings, we need to put in efforts to regain the top spot."

He hopes that his efforts will inspire other citizens. Students, ladies and regular walkers make it a point to enjoy this scenic beauty that Pradeep has created. He adds, "If each person decides to keep his house and his surrounding clean, then automatically the entire street and the entire city will be clean."

The last portion of the street wall is yet to be painted and Pradeep said that he has thought of a special theme for that space and will start the painting works in about two weeks.

PMO RESPONDS

Pradeep sent a letter to Prime Minister's Office on Dec.30 and received a response on Jan.2 asking him to submit more details about his initiative and the street. Pradeep has sent another email on Jan.4 and is eagerly waiting for reply. He has attached individual photos in this mail with a detailed explanation.

Earlier, Pradeep used to do roof-top gardening at his residence which also has a theme of a boat and an ocean. But now he has invested his time and money to beautify and maintain his street and an adjacent site.

If at all you visit this street you will feel at home. A home that is full of life and breath ■

JD(S) Intellectual Conclave

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"Kumaraswamy visited countries like Israel to study agriculture and farming methods to see how it could be utilised in our own State to improve farming techniques. He is also very keen on promoting proper education and hence, he suggested the idea of this intellectual conclave in Mysuru as there are lot of retired professionals who could pitch in with their ideas," Prof. Rangappa said.

For instance, the Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka State Universities (FVCK) had been giving suggestions to the Government to improve the quality of higher education. However, all their suggestions and ideas were kept in cold storage, he said. "If JD(S) comes to power then stress will be given to higher education as it is in a mess and the views and opinions of education experts will be taken seriously," he added.

Former VC Prof. J.A.K. Tareen, laying stress on free education to children between 3 and 6 years, said that focus should also be on Madrasas so that the children in these Muslim institutions are exposed to better education facilities.

CFTRI retired Scientist Dr. Mahadevaiah said that food parks and incubation centres should be set up in all the districts in the State as the one he had set up in Bagalkot was successful.

Dr. S.P. Yoganna, former President of Indian Medical Association, Mysuru Centre, said that people with integrity and values only must be selected for contesting the elections and only when this is done will something good happen in the country. Even the health sector is in a mess, subsidies should be given to those running private establishments to cater to the poor and needy, and all these points should be included in the 2018 Assembly election manifesto.

FVCK President and former VC of UoM Prof. S.N. Hegde chaired the Conclave attended by nearly 500 people including 15 former VCs, education experts, party workers and students.

Harish Gowda absent

Meanwhile, JD(S) leader K. Harish Gowda, an aspirant for ticket from Chamaraja Constituency from where Prof. Rangappa is also an aspirant, was conspicuous by his absence. He told *SOM* that he will not be attending the conclave.

Training for Electoral Officers

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The Electoral Officers will also be sensitised on other aspects of the poll process, such as voter list verification, booth security, safety and guarding of strong rooms etc., he said.

Pointing out that this was a certification programme for Electoral Officers, Sanjeev Kumar Varma said the ROs and AROs will be trained by Master Trainers accredited with the ECI and three resource persons — N.D. Parmar and Pankaj Anudhia from Gujarat and Deputy CEO V. Raghavendra from Karnataka.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that the Electoral Officers should ensure that they get well-versed in the poll process by undergoing training and this programme provides them an opportunity to get thoroughly sensitised on the use of EVMs and VVPATs.

The ROs and AROs will be trained at Visweswaraya Hall (50 Officers) and at Radhakrishna Hall (50 Officers).

The breakfast, lunch and dinner for the participating officers have been arranged at Trupti Dining Hall and their lodging is facilitated at Kabini and Kapila Guest Houses in the ATI premises.

The first session, which commenced today, will end on Jan. 11 while the second will take place from Jan. 16, third from Jan. 29 to Feb.1, fourth from Feb. 5 to 8, fifth from Feb. 12 to 15 and the sixth from Feb. 19 to 22.

ATI Joint Director V. Bhagyalakshmi, Programme Chief Co-ordinator Loknath and other officials were present.

Police solve house burglary case

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Disclosing this at a press conference at his office here this morning, City Police Commissioner Dr. A. S. Rao said that Riyaz was arrested on Jan. 4, while his son Fayaz on Jan. 7.

The theft had taken place at the house of one Sunil in Mandi Mohalla, who owns a utensils shop near Sangam Theatre here and the theft had taken place when Sunil along with his family had been to Melukote.

The Police Chief said that the accused, who were into copper business were in constant touch with Sunil over their business and also used to frequent Sunil's house.

The accused, who knew that Sunil had gone to Melukote along with his family members, came to his (Sunil) house on Jan. 31 in a goods auto, gained entry to the house on the second floor by opening the lock using the keys which was kept on the loft *(Sajja)* by Sunil, which the accused knew, the Police Commissioner said and added that the accused made away with the locker in which Rs. 23 lakh cash and gold jewels were kept.

He further said that the accused after breaking the locker and taking away the valuables in it had thrown the empty locker into Dalvoy Lake on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road.

Drama at Dalvoy Lake

It may be recalled that on Jan. 6 morning, there was a beehive of activities near Dalvoy Lake as people thronged the Lake following rumours of gold and cash been dumped by dacoits.

The rumours were so strong that people came in search of the booty early in the morning with some of them even entering the Lake and the rest poking the water near the Lake's bund with long sticks hoping to strike gold.

The crowd later dispersed after coming to know that it was only rumours.

Residents cautioned

The Police Chief has asked the residents not to leave the house keys at secret places in their houses while going out and also not to keep huge cash and gold jewellery in their homes.

CCB ACP B.R. Lingappa supervised the nabbing operation by CCB Inspector R. Jagadish, ASI Chandregowda and staff M.R. Ganesh, Yakub Shariff, C.N. Shivaraju, Lakshmikanth, Niranjan, Prakash, Rajendra, Anand and others.

Tiger census begins at Bandipur

Two tigers sighted on first day

Gundlupet, Jan. 8 (SOMG&KS) - The Forest officials of Bandipur Tiger Reserve along with volunteers began the Tiger Census-2018 this morning.

The census will be held till Jan. 13 at Bandipur and Nagarahole and from Jan. 22 to 27 (the date might extend till Feb. 3) in territorial forest divisions.

Nearly 60 volunteers and about 250 forest staff will conduct the Tiger Census at 111 beats in 12 Forest ranges coming under Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Today, the volunteers and forest officials, who were divided into eight groups set off to conduct the census from 6 am to 9 am during which, two tigers were sighted at Kalkere and Gopalaswamy Hill Forest ranges. The census groups also found fresh dung of elephants and scat of tigers which was also noted down.

The census included study of forest animals, their natural habitat, conditions, number of herbivores and carnivores animals and their balance, their protection and the park's condition. Along with this, the census will include whether there is any effect on domestic animals living in villages adjoining the forests.

The volunteers and forest personnel examining tiger scat during Tiger Census at Bandipur this morning.

Yesterday, training was provided to the volunteers and forest staff by Bandipur Project Tiger Director Ambadi Maadhav, ACF Ravikumar, RFOs Srinivasanayaka, Naveen Kumar and Sunil Kumar, DRFOs Anil Kumar and Srinath Reddy and other forest officials, who were then divided into eight groups.

The groups stayed overnight at Anti-Poaching camps inside Bandipur Forest from where they set off for the census this morning. Due to the census being conducted from today at Bandipur, the forest officials have changed the timings of safaris in Bandipur. While the tiger census will take place from 6 am to 9 am, the safaris will start after the census ends. Usually, morning safaris are held between 6.30 am and 8.30 am. The timings have been changed to preserve the pugmarks or scats (poop) on the safari route in case any tiger passes through. These pugmarks and scats would be lost if safari vehicles move in the area.

Premakumari enters politics

Premakumari

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RKB&DM)- Premakumari, a former Second Division Assistant (SDA) with the State Government, who had claimed that former Minister S.A. Ramdas had married her secretly, has joined the newly-floated Indian New Congress Party (INCP).

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here yesterday, Premakumari said that she had begun her political career now and she would contest from any of the Assembly segments in the city in the forthcoming polls.

Explaining her decision to join politics, she said that she would work for the poor, downtrodden and harassed women.

Even as Premakumari was addressing the press meet, INCP President Ayub Khan welcomed her to the party by garlanding her.

Forum Mall opens in city

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (VNS)- Prestige Group, the well-known construction company that also develops the popular Forum Malls, opened its first mall in Mysuru.

The Mall, named Forum Centre City, located on Hyder Ali Road near SP office in Nazarbad, was inaugurated by Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, this morning.

In a press release Prestige Group CMD Irfan Razack said that it was the company's first project in Mysuru and it was his dream to bring 'Forum' to Mysuru and redefine the concept of shopping in city with a world-class mall.

Forum Centre City is built on a 5.85 lakh sq ft land with a retail space of 3.16 lakh sq ft. The Mall has four floors with shops selling everything from branded garments to high-end electronics. It also houses an AC food court and a six-screen PVR multiplex. The Mall also has parking for about 500 cars in the basement. This is the fourth mall in city after Habitat Mall, Mall of Mysore and Garuda Mall.

Shouts at lady SI, she files FIR, he joins mental health hospital!

Mysuru, Jan.8 (RK&NNN)- On Jan.6, there was an altercation between Mohan Kumar and his brother. In the light of the fight, Mohan Kumar's sister-in-law filed a complaint in Lashkar Police Station. Hearing about the complaint, Mohan rushed to the Police Station with his wife to lodge a counter-complaint.

At the Police Station, Mohan Kumar started shouting at Sub-Inspector Puja.

Even as SI Puja tried to reason with Mohan Kumar he continued to scream and started ripping his clothes while abusing the Police officer.

Mohan Kumar

Later, SI Puja filed a FIR against Mohan Kumar. As soon as he learnt that an FIR had been lodged against him, Mohan Kumar immediately got himself admitted in a private hospital for mental treatment.

Sources said that this was a trick by Mohan as he hopes to escape punishment for misbehaving with a Police officer, claiming temporary insanity.

Demand for Taluk Status

Ponnampet observes bandh

Ponnampet (Kodagu), Jan. 8- With Chief Minister Siddharamaiah scheduled to visit Kodagu tomorrow (Jan.9), Ponnampet town in South Kodagu observed a voluntary bandh this morning to demand Taluk status for it.

The bandh call was given by various associations and organisations supporting Taluk status for Ponnampet and accordingly, all shops, commercial and business establishments in four Hobli Centres (Ponnampet, Srimangala, Balele and Hudikeri) and 21 Gram Panchayats coming under Ponnampet jurisdiction were closed from 6 am to 1pm.

However, schools & colleges, medical shops, transport and other essential services remained open as usual, with volunteers calling for a peaceful demonstration.

As part of the bandh, a rally was taken out from Ponnampet Bus Stand to Gandhi Square in which thousands of people took part.

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Three-day International Conference on Languages begins at CIIL

'Language is a powerful tool for friendship, cultural ties and economic relationships'

Former MP and Kendriya Hindi Samithi Member Prof. Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad** (fourth from left) **and IILS Chairman Omkar. N. Koul are seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate the ICOSAL-13 at CIIL in city this morning as other dignitaries look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 8 (US&PM)- "South Asia is a home for several languages which is a powerful tool for friendship, cultural ties and economic relationships," said Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad, former MP and member of Kendriya Hindi Samithi.

He was speaking after inaugurating a three-day 13th International Conference of South Asian Languages and Literature (ICOSAL-13) organised jointly by Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) and Indian Institute of Language Studies (IILS), New Delhi which commenced this morning at CIIL premises here.

About 200 delegates from Russia, USA, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Singapore and various parts of the country are participating in the conference, which features presentation of topics on linguistics and interactions.

Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad contended that mother tongue was the basis for learning all other languages and added that learning a second language makes a person smarter. He pointed out that technological developments had evolved more ways of communication. However, he said that it was unfortunate that language had become the source of social-political conflicts.

Speaking as the Guest of Honour, Moscow State University Honorary Professor Boris A. Zakharyin opined that linguistics need more thrust in India which has rich contribution through Sanskrit to Philosophy and Literature.

He indicated that other countries too have begun research on those subjects.

IILS Chairman Omkar N. Koul briefed the gathering on the orig in and growth of ICOSAL. CIIL Director D.G. Rao presided. ICOSAL-13 Organising Secretary Umarani Pappuswamy, Joint organising Secretary Dr. L. Ramamurthy and others were present.

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Space cleansing for new year

Since everything has an energy field and is, in a sense, "alive," everything is connected, and everything is always changing, it makes sense that we are greatly influenced by the things and people around us.

The surroundings and the environment have a great impact on our well-being and frame of mind. Some places we visit make us feel restless and you urge to move away, yet some places have a feel of tranquillity and calmness making you remain there for a time more than you would have envisaged.

Creating a harmonious space and environment that exudes harmony is one of the key dynamics behind this age-old practice. It's no surprise that we would most often be faced with bad energy due to our immediate surrounding and environment around our building. These may give rise to ill-fortune in the form of relationship, wealth, legal entanglement or illness.

Adapting the basic tenets of Vaastu and Feng Shui in terms of locating good piece of property, orienting the home to the best direction, proper placement of rooms, doors and windows, ideal colours, floor and wall décor and positioning water features will increase your ability to weather the "storms of life" with minimum impact.

Over a period of time, energy gets stagnant in our home or work place. Hence it is a normal practice to carry out "Annual Corrections" to push away stagnation and usher in new growth and prospects by channelising the energy.

The process of recharging the place to activate the energy and push away stagnation is very much part of the oriental system which is often referred to as "spring clean" or in other words "Annual cleaning." This not only ensures systematic clearing of clutter but through Feng Shui analysis, one can also ascertain the direction which could have bad energy sources for the year and accordingly take precautions to counter them.

The process of annual cleansing ensures that afflictions created unknowingly over a year can be countered and the Chinese zodiac afflictions which affect the individuals based on their personal date of birth is also mitigated and in turn brings in positive energy and a new feel to the environment through subtle changes and empower specific aspirations for the year. According to Feng Shui, our surroundings affect us and that we, in turn, are reflections of our surroundings. Since everything has an energy field and is, in a sense, "alive," everything is connected, and everything is always changing, it makes sense that we are greatly influenced by the things and people around us.

• Place fresh flowers in a large urn of water close to the main door; • Floral decorations with yellow flowers in the living room bring in fresh feel; • Focus on the Entrance to your home or building to welcome good energy (Chi) and avoid clutter in this area, place a bamboo plant near your front door, it will attract good energy and financial security into your home; • It should allow people to feel good and comfortable in that interior without really noticing it and should be natural.

Adapting Feng Shui formulas that enable you to custom design your space to enhance the energy and in turn, the luck of the occupants is vital to bring out the best in them.

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Annual Day celebrations at City Schools

KIDZEE-KUVEMPUNAGAR: ***The Annual Day celebrations of Kidzee-Kuvempunagar was held at Ganabharathi recently. Chief guest R.G. Shankar, Chairman of Kidzee, Vinay, Priority Regional Manager, Kidzee, Suchetha, Principal of Kidzee-Kuvempunagar, staff and parents were present during the occasion which featured various entertainment programmes by the tiny-tots.***

ACE PRIYADARSHINI LANAKAY SCHOOL: The 44th School Day of Ace Priyadarshini Lanakay School was recently celebrated at Kalamandira.

Bishop of Mysore Most. Rev. Dr. K.A. William was the chief guest. Last years toppers were awarded on the occasion.

The cultural programme on the occasion included carol singing, school choir, theatrical performances and dances.

Corporators Shivanna and Cheluvegowda, CA A. Vishwanathaa, former President of Rotary East Indira Ballal, Founder of Ace Priyadarshini School C.G. Vanitha, spiritual guide Rev. Fr. Joseph Francis, MD Snehith Vincent, Vice-President Lawrence George, President John D. Shiri, Vidya Vikas Institutions Proprietor Kaveesh Gowda were present during the occasion.

IDEAL JAWA ROTARY SCHOOL: The Higher Primary and High School Section of Ideal Jawa Rotary School had their Annual Day at Kalamandira with the theme "League of Legends."

Management Committee Chairman Rtn. T.K. Chittaranjan, Hon. Secretary Rtn. R. Vasudev Bhat, Rtn. M.C.S. Manohara, Principal S.A. Veena, alumni and parents were present.

The school honoured the students from the previous batch of Grade 10 — Nagendra Prasad (617/ 625), Anooj Raj (602/625), Fardeen (601/625) — who secured 600 and above in the examination held in March 2017. A.P. Vishwas was awarded for cent percent attendance.

Rahul Nayak of Grade 8 was also honoured for securing the 3rd place in 600 mts running race at the State-level Athletics Meet-2017.

The cultural acts depicted legends like Lord Sri Krishna, Sudha Chandran, A.R. Rahman, Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, P. Susheela, Evolution of Bollywood Legends, Chipko Movement, Amitabh Bachchan, B.K.S. Iyengar, Mahatma Gandhi, Latha Mangeshkar, *Dollu Kunita,* Heroes of the Nation, Sunidhi Chauhan, Jai Ho, Charlie Chaplin and Michael Jackson.

MDCA Rapid Chess Tournament

Shivanth emerges champion

Winners of various categories in the Mysore District Rapid Chess Tournament conducted by Mysore District Chess Association (MDCA) are seen posing with their trophies and certificates.

Mysuru, Jan. 8- M. Shivanth with seven points from seven rounds won the Mysore District Rapid Chess Tournament 2018 conducted by the Mysore District Chess Association (MDCA) at the University Lions Hall here on Sunday.

Prasiddhi Bhat with 6 points (41.5) secured the second place, while Mayuradhithya with 6 points (41) finished third.

The prizes to the winners were given away by M. Kayvashree, former Karnataka State women's chess champion and Director Celestial Minds Chess Academy, USA. Ramesh, University of Mysore, Syndicate Member, Prof. Mallanna and K.R. Shivarame Gowda, Hon. Secretary, MDCA were the other guests present.

FINAL RESULTS

Open: 1. M. Shivanth (7), 2. Prasiddhi Bhat (6.5-41.5), 3. Mayuradithya (6-41).

Boys: U-17: 1. C. Trishul (6), 2. V.S. Krupakar (4.5).

U-15: 1. M. Shivanth (7), 2. Mayuradithya (6-41), 3. S. Abhinayak (5.5).

U-13: 1.Siddanth P. Vashist (6-38.5), 2. C. Ajay (5.5-30.5), 3. M.G. Prameeth (5-39).

U-11: 1. I. Kalal (5.5-33.5), 2. Samith Hegde (5-33.5), 3. I. Kavin (4.5).

U-9: 1. N.C. Gambhir (5-38), 2. Akhilesh H. Rajveer (5-32.5), 3. G. Akshay (5-31.5).

U-7: 1. Aarush S. Gowda (5-29.5), 2. R. Nivaan (4-36), 3. E. Yoshik Vihan (4-30.5).

Girls: U-17 Bhoomika Patel (3.5), 2. B.Keetrhi Patel (3).

U-15: 1. Ramitha S. Raj (4-29.5), 2. N. Anjali (3).

U-13: 1. Prasiddhi Bhat (6-41.5), 2. Hemadri Sathish (5-34), 3. V. Deeksha (5-32.5).

U-11: 1. Sharadhi Shastry (5-39), 2. Vindhya Sridhar (5-34.5), 3.M.N.Eshanvi (5-33.5).

U-9: 1. Tashika R. Joshi (3.5), 2. R. Asvitha (3-23.5), 3. M.A. Saanvi (3).

U-7: 1. K.R. Ganshree (5-26.5), 2. K.R. Sara (4-30), 3. M. Dhrithi (3-20.5).

Excel in stick fight competition

K. Manvitha *V. Vinyas*

Mysuru, Jan. 8- Karnataka Sports Silambam Association had conducted State-level Stick Swing and Stick Fight Competition in which K. Manvitha of 5th std won the 2nd prize in Stick Fight (10 to 11 years category) and V. Vinyas of 6th std won 3rd place in both Stick Fight and Stick Swing championship (11years category). Both are the students of Rotary Mysore Brindavan School in city.

MDFA 'B' Division Football League

Fahad shines for Soniya FC's win

Mysuru, Jan. 8- A brace by right-out Fahad and a goal each by Aiman and Rehman enabled Soniya FC to register a 4-1 win over K.R. Mill FC in Group 'A' tie of MDFA 'B' Division Football League at University Football Grounds here on Sunday.

RESULTS

Soniya FC 4 (Aiyman 45, Fahad 58, 68, Rehman 61) bt K.R. Mill FC 1 (Rakshith 29).

Mysore Masters triumph in Basketball

The triumphant Mysore Masters basketball team** (standing from left) **Shivanna, Rajesh Raje Urs, Ramakanth V. Rao and B. Jayaraj won the 40 Plus 3-ON-Three State Level Basketball Tournament conducted by Rovers BC in Dharwad recently. The winning team is seen posing with the trophies.

Wins silver in karate

Mysuru, Jan.8- School Games Federation of India organised 63rd National School Games 2017-18 at Indore, Madhya Pradesh recently in which S. Ashwini, a second PU student of Vijaya Vittala PU College, won the silver medal in the Girls U-19 (48 kg category). She has been selected for International School Federation Games to be held at Dubai shortly.

Ashwini is the daughter of Sriranga and Manjula couple who reside at Srirampura in Mysuru. She is training under Shihan Shivadas.

Mysore City Inter-Collegiate Tournament

Maharaja College wins throwball, Teresian girls emerge handball champs

Maharaja College men's team, which won the Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Throwball tournament, receiving the winner's trophy as Department of Physical Education, UoM, In-charge Director Dr. P. Krishnaiah and others look on. Picture right shows the Teresian women's Handball Team which emerged victorious in the Mysuru City Inter-Collegiate Handball Tournament posing with the winner's trophy.

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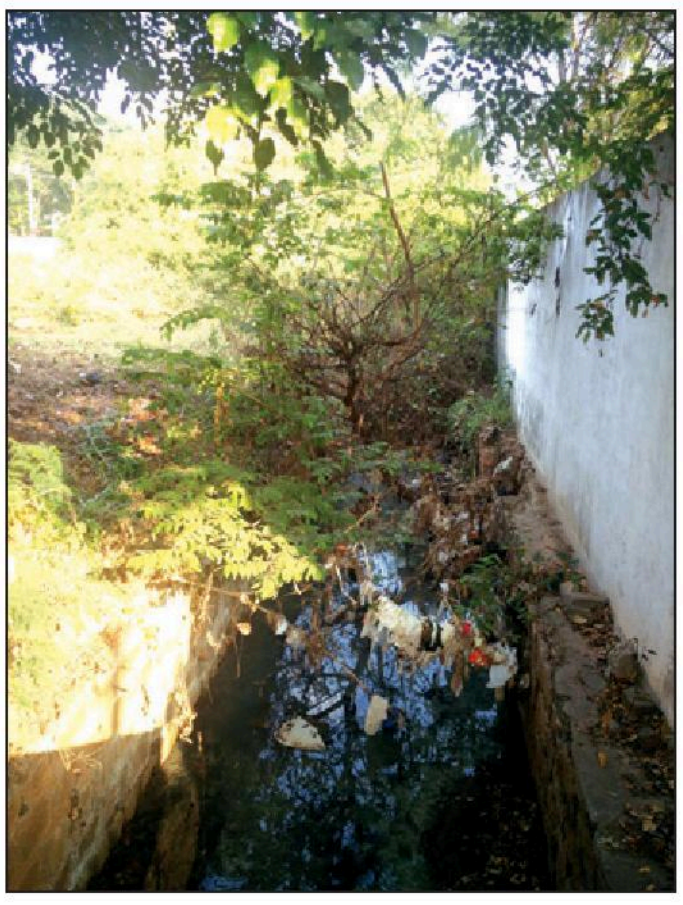
Plea to clear garbage at MUDA Layout in Devanur

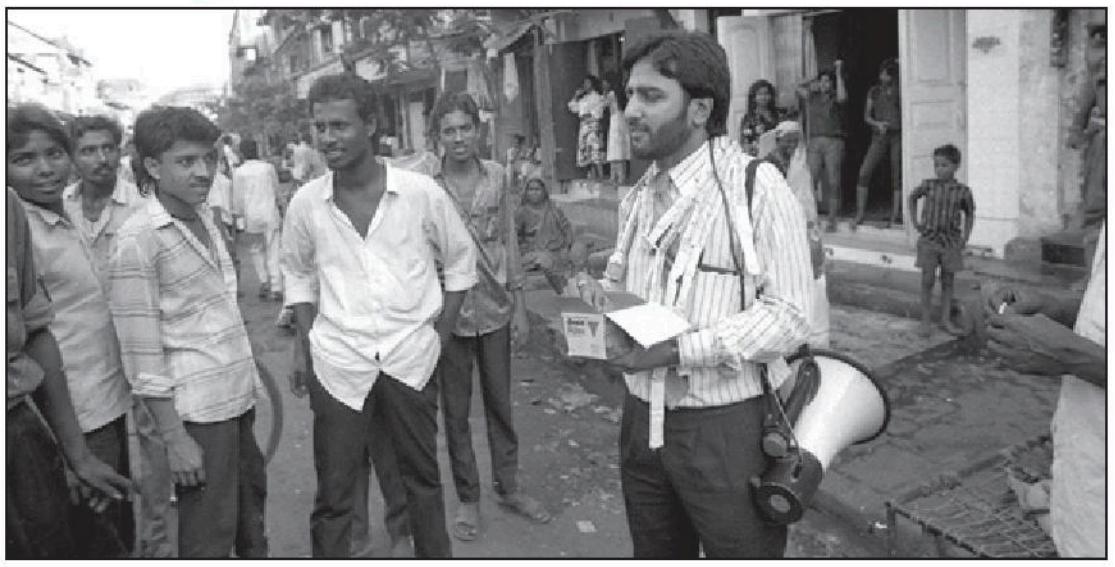
The MUDA Layout of Devanur 3rd Stage has become a dumping ground with garbage thrown on all access roads to the plots resulting in residents unable to travel through due to the health hazard it poses. Also the garbage heaps are set on fire resulting in toxic smoke emanating from it. Authorities concerned are urged to take action at the earliest.

Blocked drain needs to be cleared in J.P. Nagar



A storm water drain in J.P. Nagar 'A' Block is blocked with weeds, shrubs and overgrown bushes resulting in water getting stagnant and emanating foul smell. The stagnant water has also become a breeding place for mosquitoes which also houses rodents. Authorities concerned are urged to get the storm water drain cleaned besides taking up regular maintenance works.

"I thought AIDS will never come to India"



Dr. I.S. Gilada seen distributing condoms to men in the red light area in Bombay in the mid 1980s.

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SOM: It is very interesting to see that you are currently writing two books — *History and Politics of AIDS* ***and*** *Prostitution in India*. ***First, what is this politics of AIDS about?***

Dr. Gilada: *Politics of AIDS* is basically some sort of episodic reaction from 1987- 1988 about HIV, which is widespread. If they topped the world in STDs they will top in HIV also but nobody listened to us.

It was only when the World Bank came with the kitty, suddenly your estimate goes up from hundred thousand to one million, so these are politics of AIDS and finance.

I will narrate an interesting incident. I was assigned ambulance duty as a punishment. It was the time when Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister. He visited Bombay and I went in the ambulance with two other doctors carrying O negative blood.

I thought if I get a chance, I would submit a letter to him that I have been punished and sent on this duty. But there was no chance to give the letter in the motorcade. Rajiv Gandhi was a nice human being. He was staying in *The Taj* and when he came back to the hotel, he called everybody who was escorting him. He asked, '*Gentlemen do you want to say anything?*'

I had carried the letter in my pocket and submitted it to him stating that I started the AIDS clinic, but it is not recognised. He told me he had heard about it. Chief Minister Shivaji Rao Nilangekar Patil was seated right next to him and he said he knew about me. Then they sanctioned the equipment, lab and everything. However, when it came, it was given to KMRC.

I met the PM and I did everything. This was like fighting against a disease or a person I don't know. I quit government service and took the resignation to my Director. I told her, I am fighting two viruses, one is HIV virus, the other is the government virus. I am a small man and cannot fight against two viruses. So I would like to give up my fight against one virus that is the government virus.

I wanted government to be on my side to fight HIV. I told her, '*You know, I have three things: one, my character is clean, two, I am not corrupt and three, no dereliction of duty.*' She was shivering. After all, she was a Director who has 5,000 doctors under her. I threw my resignation letter and went away. I have no regrets. I always consider government is the biggest charity. There can be no comparable charity including Tata, Birla, Ambani or Adani. Those of us who have worked in the government have enough material for learning, understanding and compassion. I learnt all of it during my work in the government.

SOM: What is it you are writing about the oldest profession in the world?

Dr. Gilada: I am not taking about general society, which will always think that if there is no prostitution, society will always be clean. Women organisations, which are supposed to be caretakers of every downtrodden woman in the society, say that prostitution must be there. However, they speak sitting in ivory towers. I ask them okay in that case can you contribute one girl per family for prostitution. You want only somebody else's daughter to suffer.

You have to rehabilitate sex workers. They said no, if we keep them at our homes, we have to always guard our husbands. What kind of attitude you have? You want sex workers to continue but you do not want to rehabilitate them. You do not want the trade licensed.

For instance, when there was licensed prostitution industry in the US, they made a statement saying that it is safer to have sex with sex workers than housewives in Nevada. Sex workers could control STD but housewives could not. We wanted that kind of system but it did not happen here.

SOM: Finally, has AIDS gone?

Dr. Gilada: No, AIDS will not go away; it can only go down. Even diphtheria, which is a vaccine preventable disease, there are 12 deaths and hundreds suffering from it. Honour and dignity does not come to this disease and nobody comes out openly.

However, AIDS has become manageable and treatable. Today, 92 per cent of AIDS patients in the world are taking Indian medicines because it is affordable and we are able to produce it at low costs.

SOM: Asha Kirana Charitable Trust has completed 20 years of service to the people infected with AIDS. As a person dedicated to this kind of work, what is your view about the role of Dr. S. N. Mothi and his team?

Dr. S. N. Mothi

Dr. Gilada: Sometimes some spark comes. People might say, if Dr. Mothi had not done it somebody else would have done it. But that is not true.

The kind of initiative he and his team have taken will have larger impact. So Asha Kirana is going to be a ray of hope for lot of people who are going to work in this field.

Earlier it was very difficult to collect money or arrange something to save children from dying. Now they need not die.

Today we tell our HIV patients to bring a bond, we will sign that I will not allow you to die of HIV. So that kind of medicines have come. During those days, it was not there. To have compassion and start something with a vision, I think Dr. Mothi has done a wonderful job.

Congress 'Sadhana Samavesha' at Madikeri tomorrow

CM to launch development works worth Rs.121.55 crore

Madikeri, Jan.8- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will address the Congress Government's 'Sadhana Samavesha' at Crystal Hall in Madikeri at 12 noon tomorrow (Jan.9).

During the Convention, the CM will launch a slew of development works across Kodagu, totally worth Rs.121.55 crore.

The works to be launched include construction of Gandhi Bhavan at Madikeri at a cost of Rs.3 crore and other infrastructure development works taken up in different places across the district.

The CM will inaugurate Valmiki Bhavan at Virajpet built at a cost of Rs.1 crore, Ekalavya Residential School auditorium at Balugodu village, Students' Hostel at Nittur-Kannad village built at a cost of Rs.92.90 lakh and Post-Matric Girls' Hostel at Madikeri built at a cost of Rs.198 lakh.

Siddharamaiah will also dedicate Rs.2.85 crore Kunjila-Iguthappa Temple Road and Bethu-Balamuri Link Road laid at a cost of Rs.1.01 crore, among other works.

Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan will preside over the programme, while Legislative Council Chairman D.H. Shankarmurthy and Kodagu District in-Charge Minister M.R. Seetharam will be the chief guests.

Ahead of the Chief Minister's Kodagu visit, DC P.I. Sreevidya, SP P. Rajendra Prasad, ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, ADC M. Satish Kumar and other officials visited Crystal Court premises and reviewed the preparations.

CM to inaugurate development works worth Rs.597 crore in N'gud on Jan.11

Siddharamaiah

Nanjangud, Jan. 8 (NR&VNS)- CM Siddharamaiah will be performing *guddali puja* and inaugurating various development works worth Rs.597 crore on Jan. 11 at Nanjangud, said MP R. Dhruvanarayan here yesterday.

Addressing the Congress party activists, he said that the newly-constructed hi-tech Bus Stand worth Rs.8.70 crore, Mini Vidhana Soudha worth Rs.18 crore, Rs.100 crore drinking water project for Hullahalli and other 123 villages and others will be inaugurated at a programme to be held at Vidyavardhaka College Grounds at 12.30 pm.

CM Siddharamaiah, through his transparent governance and able leadership, has fulfilled 155 out of the 165 promises given to the public, he added.

The Chamarajanagar MP also took a dig at BJP stating that the party would never come to power in the State and added that BJP knew the fact they will not be able to form the Government as the survey conducted by the BJP states that the BJP will not win more than 80 seats.

"Union Minister Anant Kumar Hegde speaks ill about the Constitution and also about the Chief Minister. The leaders of BJP do not talk about development but are indulged in disturbing the peace and harmony in the society through their provocative talks. All these will help Congress party to win 125 seats and comeback to power in the State," he added.

MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, ZP Member Latha Siddashetty, APMC President M. Madappa and others were present.

New Chocolate-colour Rs.10 note introduced

New Delhi, Jan.8- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will shortly issue new bank notes of Rs.10 denomination.

The new Rs.10 notes will be in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, and will bear the signature of RBI Governor Dr. Urjit R. Patel, the Reserve Bank said in an official statement, on Friday (Jan.5).

The new denomination notes will have motif of the Sun Temple and the Konark on the reverse side, depicting the country's cultural heritage. The base colour of the notes is chocolate brown and they will have other designs, geometric patterns aligning

with the overall colour scheme, both at the obverse and reverse, the RBI said.

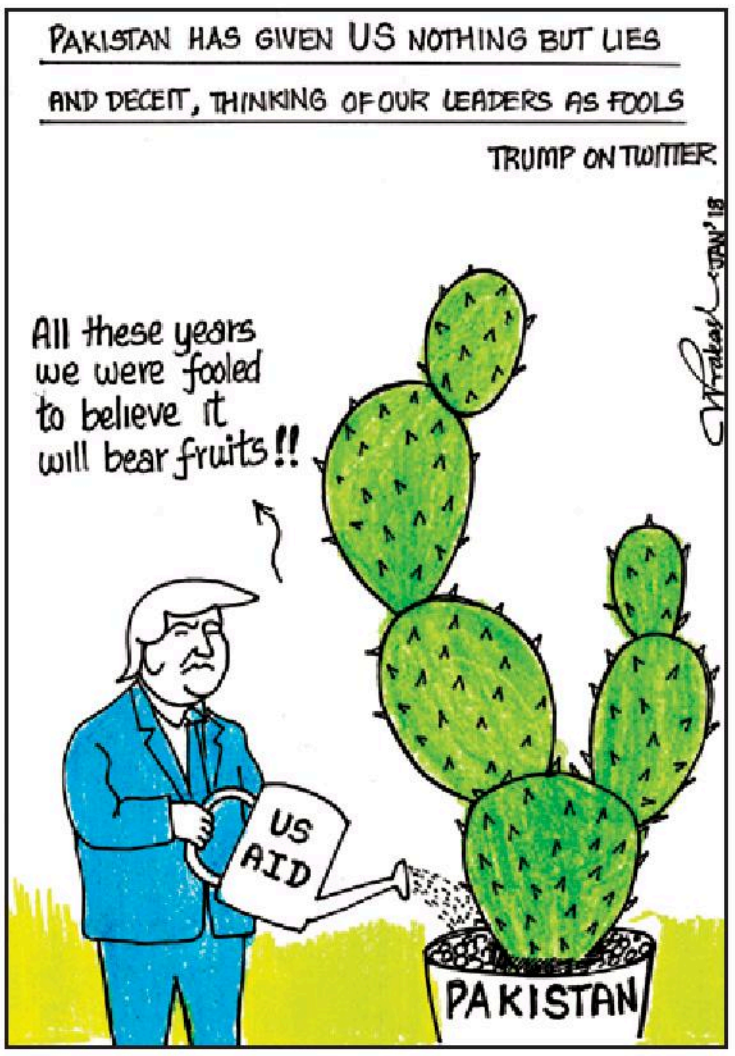
All the banknotes in the denomination of Rs.10 issued by the RBI in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender, it is said. The move to reintroduce lower denomination notes in a new design comes after the Government's plan to get rid of counterfeiting.

The Central Bank has already printed around 1 billion pieces of the new Rs.10 note, according to reports. The last change in design in the old Rs.10 note was made in 2005. In August last year, RBI had introduced the new Rs.200 and Rs.50 notes under the Mahatma Gandhi series.

Post this, after the announcement of demonetisation of old 500 and 1,000 rupee notes, the RBI also introduced new 500 and pink coloured 2,000 rupee notes.

RBI data show currency in circulation was Rs.16.71 trillion as on Dec. 22. This is about 94.4 percent of the Rs.17.7 trillion that was in circulation on Nov.4, 2016.

TEASER By N. Prakash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AND DECEIT, THINKING OF OUR LEADERS AS FOOLS
TRUMP ON TWITTER
All these years we were fooled to believe it will bear fruits !!
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Excels in Bhavageete singing contests

N. Dhanush

Mysuru, Jan.8- N. Dhanush, a 10th standard student of Shikshkarni High School, Hebbal, has bagged 1st prize in District-level Kuvempu's Bhavageete singing contest organised by Vishwamanava High School, E and F Block, Ramakrishnanagar, third place with a cash prize of Rs.850 in District-level Kuvempu's Bhavageete singing contest organised by Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram and consolation prize in District-level Bhavageete singing contest organised by Vidyavardhaka Composite PU College, Seshadri Iyer Road.

He is the son of A.N. Nanjegowda and T.G. Sudha, residents of Hebbal.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Serein

Pronunciation: suh-ran
Meaning: Fine rain falling after sunset from a sky in which no clouds are visible.
Origin: Serein is a French loanword with roots in the Latin term sērus meaning "late." It entered English in the mid-1800s.

THE ODD WORD

Banter

An exchange of light, playful, teasing remarks.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Do a Devon Loch

Meaning: "To do a Devon Loch" is a modern metaphor used in sports and otherwise to explain a sudden, last-minute failure of teams or a sportsperson to complete an expected victory.
Origin: The idiom has an interesting origin. Devon Loch was a racehorse that collapsed just short of the winning line of the 1956 Grand National race in the UK. If someone does a Devon Loch, they suddenly fail when everybody expects them to succeed or simply crumble at the very last minute when they were almost winning.
Example: It was shocking how Manchester United did a Devon Loch in the last minutes of the match against Arsenal.

QUOTE BOX

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young. **—Theodore Roosevelt**

RIDDLE THIS

What word in the English Language is always spelled incorrectly?

Answer: Incorrectly.

SUDOKU

		1	8	5	4			
				3		9		
	7				6			3
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4	3						8	9
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			1	6	5	3		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	1	6	8	3	4	7	5	9
5	4	8	7	9	6	2	1	3
7	3	9	2	1	5	4	8	6
6	2	4	9	5	1	3	7	8
3	5	1	4	8	7	9	6	2
8	9	7	3	6	2	1	4	5
1	8	3	6	4	9	5	2	7
9	7	5	1	2	8	6	3	4
4	6	2	5	7	3	8	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 If and only if - in programming and maths
4 Wicked
8 Two of a kind, like shoes
12 Agri. Resch. Inst.
13 Bowling alley
14 Girl
15 Number on which the decimal system is based?
16 Kinds, types or sorts
17 Left arm spinner Pragyan ____
18 Large antelope
20 A large marble used for shooting in the game of marbles
22 Heroine of La Boheme
25 Impost
28 Cape ___ : the southern tip of India?
31 Group of three
33 Be in debt
34 Instrument Landing Sys.
36 Communications Mgmnt. Unit
37 Ohio city - "In axe" anagram?
40 ___ Sea : sea on our west coast?
43 Sunset?
44 Cunning
45 ___ the energies of : tire?
47 Sporting sides
51 South Indian dialect
54 University of California, Los Angeles, in short?
57 "Ali" turning into a girl?
58 "... baked in _ __"
59 South African of Dutch descent
60 This may be used bait for fishing
61 Bombay Suburban Electric Supply, in short?
62 Sergeants, in short
63 Ancient Order of the Shepherds

SATURDAY'S ANSWER:

M	A	S	■	A	B	E	D	■	■	O	B	I
O	P	E	■	M	A	N	I	C	■	A	R	C
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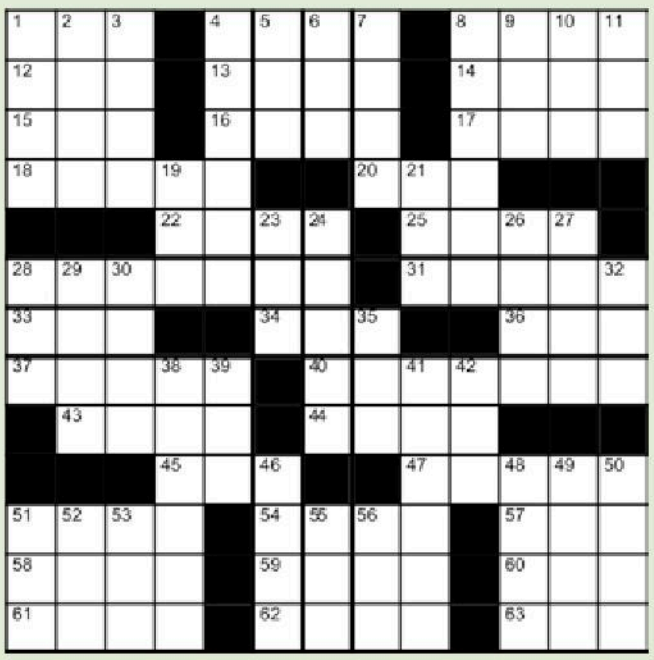
DOWN

1 International Air Transport Assoc.
2 Basset hound of comic strips
3 Discover or unearth
4 Panacea, nostrum
5 Value or valency in short?
6 Writing fluid
7 For the fear that
8 Field worker
9 RK's Kal __ Aur Kal
10 Suffix denoting "somewhat"
11 Natal land, abbr.
19 Introduction to Latin
21 Altitude
23 1002 in Roman numerals
24 A relation by marriage (2-3)
26 Veni, Vidi, ____ : I came, I saw, I conquered?
27 Hindu God of death
28 Courteney ___ : Monica on Friends
29 Was indebted to
30 A bill of fare
32 Ask persistently for payment of debt
35 ___ Lanka : 1996 Cricket World Cup winners?
38 Sends forth, gives out or distributes
39 Alias, in short
41 Places for sacrifice
42 A run for the team but not for the batsman?
46 Taverns or inns
48 Sporty car __ Romeo
49 Famous sculpture known as the 'Venus de.....'
50 Declares or utters aloud
51 Label or key on a computer keyboard?
52 __ and downs : one gets them in one's life or on a swing?
53 Untruth, fib
55 A small wheel or gear
56 ___ off : allow to go with little or no punishment; pardon?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

WSK VYMW YUKPTYYAKC OCUOLWOZK WY YDLRLZ O

IYVXNWKP RM WSOW RH WSKF HYNT NX WSKPK'M LY

TOD OZORLMW DOIARLZ WSKV OPYNLC O TRWWTK

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS O

Saturday's Cryptoquip: Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bruhaspati	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Punarambha	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Namavaru Yaaru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Aakhri Raat	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Aakhri Sauda	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle			
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Velaikkaran	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Middle Class Abbayi (MCA)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 5.10 pm, 7.30
Insidious: The Last Key (E)	(S-1)	12.20 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-1)	2.25 pm
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
All the Money in the World (E)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 9.55 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 7.00 pm
Pitch Perfect-3 (E)	(S-2)	4.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Bruhaspati (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 1.45 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Eeda (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Aadu-2 (Ma)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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Insidious: The Last Key (E)	(S-1)	10 am, 2.50 pm, 7.40
	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Bruhaspati (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am, 6.55 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-4)	12.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-3)	10.00 am, 4.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 5.05 pm 9.55 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm 6.50 pm
Aadu (Ma)	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Pitch Perfect-3 (E)	(S-2)	10.40 am
	(S-3)	7.30 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi..	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
6:00 pm You Have Been Warned	5:30 pm Indian Super League	5:00 pm Animal Fight Club
7:00 How It's Made	6:00 Premier Badminton League 2017/18 H/Ls	6:00 Primal Survivor : Killer Sea
7:30 Fail Army	6:30 Premier Badminton League 2017/18 : Pre Show	7:00 Mega Transport
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	6:50 Premier Badminton League Chennai Smashers vs. Bengaluru Blasters	8:00 Rare: Creatures of Photo Ark
9:00 Walking The Himalayas		9:00 Body Hack
10:00 Bear Grylls: Survival School		10:00 Inside India : Mangalyaan
10:30 American Digger		11:00 Banged up Abroad
6:30 pm Oggy & the Cockroaches	7:00 pm Mahaganapathi	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
07:00 Kris Aur Barfeela	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:00 Kaveri
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:00 Avaril Oraal	7:30 Avalu
9:30 Horrid Henry	8:30 Shaneeswaran	8:30 Nandini
10:00 Ben 10	9:00 Nandini	9:00 Jeevanadhi
11:00 Dragon Ball Z: Super Android	9:30 Ayalathe Sundari	9:30 Doddamane Sose
	10:00 Premam	10:00 Sarayoo

MOVIES TONIGHT

1:53 pm **Toy Story 3**	4:38 pm **Jack Reacher**	4:42 pm **The 33**
3:34 **Godzilla**	6:56 **Back to the Future Part III**	6:54 **Ocean's Thirteen**
6:29 **Speed**	9:00 **Shooter**	9:01 **Dragon Blade**
9:00 **Titanic**		11:09 **Cyborg**
3:00 pm **Yevadu**	5:48 pm **Jigarwala No. 1**	4:15 pm **Aaj Ka Daur**
6:00 **Robot**	9:00 **Dhamaal**	7:00 **Teleshopping**
9:00 **Dynamite**	11:50 **Daring Mard**	9:20 **Agni I.P.S**
3:28 pm **Anaconda 3: Offspring**	4:00 pm **Thayigobba Karna**	5:15 pm **The Ghazi Attack**
5:23 **The Mummy**	7:30 **Saradara**	7:55 **Arjun Pandit**
8:00 **King Kong**	10:00 **Yuddha**	11:05 **Housefull 2**

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.8)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handcraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **upto 9.30 pm.**

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Vikala Vikasa Samsthe, Mysuru: Vivekananda Jayanti celebration and release of Vikala Vikasa Special Calendar-2018, specially-abled children will inaugurate, Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Sharana Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President M. Chandrashekar will be present, Mysuru Bar Association President G.V. Ramamurthy releases the calendar, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **4.30 pm.**

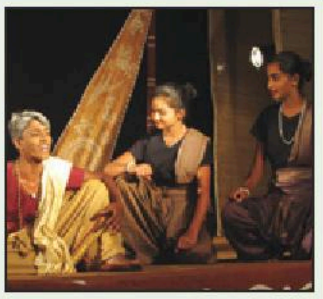
Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: 156th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Discourse in Kannada on 'Yugacharya Swami Vivekananda,' **6 pm;** Special bhajans, Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre: Inauguration of Skill Development Training on 'Solar equipment installation and service,' District Industries Centre Joint Director H. Ramakrishne Gowda chief guest, IEI Mysuru Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Kantharaja Urs Road, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**



Sanchalana Mysuru: Children's theatre festival, staging of play 'Hakki Habba' and 'Billa Habba,' Mini Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.9)

Handloom and Textiles Department and JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS): Exhibit of the Month - Lakkhi - Pencha, a decorative wooden object resembling an owl, Wellington House, Irwin Road, **10 onwards.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handcraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

KIKS - Manasagangothri and Manava Bandhutva Vedike - Karnataka: Valedictory of 'Kuvempu Vishwamanava Sandesha Jatha (Kuppalli to Mysuru),' littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar inaugurates, KIKS Director Prof. Priti Srimandarkumar presides, Vedike Convenor Wilfred D'Souza deliver valedictory address, B.M. Shri auditorium, Manasagangothri, **2.30 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

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Sanchalana Mysuru: Valedictory of Children's Theatre Festival, MLA Vasu, MyLac Chairman H.A. Venkatesh, BEO (South Zone) K.S. Prakash, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara Foundation will be present; Staging of play 'Dham Dhum Suntaragaali,' Mini Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

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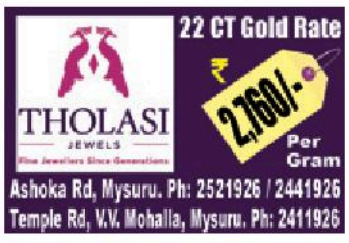

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